

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of claims in this application.

1. (Previously presented) An isolated clonal lentogenic oncolytic strain of Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV) comprising the DNA nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 encoding for the fusion (F) gene and at least part of the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase (HN) gene.
2. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of cancer comprising the clonal lentogenic oncolytic strain of Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV) according to claim 1, optionally in combination with a suitable carrier.
3. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2 wherein the carrier is present.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim [[1]] 2 wherein the strain is present in an amount of $10^6 - 10^{12}$ EID₅₀ per unit dose.

Claims 6 to 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Original) A method for treating cancer in a patient comprising administering to the patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2.
25. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the step of administering is selected from intravenous, oral, buccal, intranasal, inhalation, topical application to a mucosal membrane or injection, including intradermal, intrathecal, intracisternal, and intralesional injection.
26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the step of administering comprises locally administering the composition to a tumor or in its vicinity.

Claims 27 to 28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the strain is present in the composition in an amount of 10^6 – 10^{12} EID₅₀ per unit dose.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the step of administering comprises administering the HUI strain of NDV in a range of 20 EID₅₀/cell to 2000 EID₅₀/cell.

Claims 31 to 54. (Cancelled)

55. (Previously presented) A method of making the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2, which comprises incorporating in the composition the clonal lentogenic oncolytic strain of Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV) comprising the DNA nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 encoding for the fusion (F) gene and at least part of the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase (HN).

Claims 56 to 65. (Cancelled)